

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1, 2, 4-10, 12, and 15-22 in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An information storage medium for use with a recording and/or reproducing apparatus, the information storage medium comprising:

a recordable area to record data information; and

a reproduction-only area to storech a standard version information number indicating at least one factor associated with data recording and/or reproduction prescribed by a manufacturer, and-a revision information different from the standard version information indicating an update to the at least one factor and also prescribed by the manufacturer number different from the standard version number are recorded.

wherein the standard version information and the revision information are used by the recording and/or reproducing apparatus to record and/or reproduce data to and/or from the information storage medium.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The information storage medium of claim 1, further comprising:

a lead-in area;

a user data area; and

a lead-out area,

wherein the reproduction-only area is included in at least one of the lead-in and lead-out areas, and the recordable area is recorded in a remaining portion of the lead-in area, the user data area, and the lead-out area.

3. (ORIGINAL) The information storage medium of claim 2, wherein the reproduction-only area is a disk control data zone included in at least one of the lead-in and lead-out areas.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The information storage medium of claim 3, wherein the revision information number is recorded in an m-th byte of the disk control data zone.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The information storage medium of claim 4, wherein each time the revision information number is changed, the changed revision information number is recorded in the m-th byte.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The information storage medium of claim 2, wherein the revision information number is repeatedly recorded in both the lead-in and lead-out areas.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The information storage medium of claim 4, wherein, when the revision information number is x.y, x is recorded in a the first four bits of the m-th byte, and y is recorded in a the last four bits of the m-th byte.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The information storage medium of claim 7, wherein one of a hexadecimal system and a binary system is used to record the revision information number.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The information storage medium of claim 1, wherein the revision information number is repeatedly recorded in at least two of the bytes in the reproduction-only area.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The information storage medium of claim 1, wherein the standard version number and the revised number indicate at least one factor associated with data recording and/or reproduction set according to a standard corresponding to the standard version number, and wherein, when the content of the at least one factor of the items changes, the revision information number corresponding to the changed factor item is recorded.

11. (ORIGINAL) The information storage medium of claim 10, wherein the at least one factor is one of a recording speed, a mass eccentricity, and a recording capacity.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of recording and/or reproducing data in an information storage medium which includes a lead-in area, a user data area, and a lead-out

area, the method comprising:

recording-a standard version informationnumber indicating at least one factor associated with data recording and/or reproduction prescribed by a manufacturer in a the reproduction-only area of at least one of the lead-in and lead-out areas;

recording-a revision informationnumber distinguished from the standard version information indicating an update to the at least one factor and also prescribed by the manufacturerdistinguished from the standard version number in the reproduction-only area; and

reading the standard version information number and the revision information number and recording and/or reproducing data according to a standard associated with the standard version information number and the revision informationnumber.

13. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 12, wherein a drive performs the reading.

14. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 12, wherein the reproduction-only area is a disk control data zone included in at least one of the lead-in and lead-out areas.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 12, wherein the revision information numberis recorded in an m-th byte of the disk control data zone.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 15, wherein every time the revision information numberis changed, the changed revision information numberis recorded in the m-th byte.

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 12, wherein the revision information numberis repeatedly recorded in both the lead-in and lead-out areas.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 15, wherein, when the revision information numberis x.y, x is recorded in a the first four bits of the m-th byte, and y is recorded in a the last four bits of the m-th byte.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 12, wherein the revision information numberis repeatedly recorded in at least two-ofthe bytes in the reproduction-only area.

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A drive system for recording and/or reproducing data on an information storage medium comprising having a reproduction-only area to recordin which a standard version information number indicating at least one factor associated with data recording and/or reproduction prescribed by a manufacturer and-a revision information different from the standard version information number indicating an update to the at least one factor and also prescribed by the manufacturer different from the standard version number are recorded, comprising:

a pickup which records and/or reproduces the data from the information storage medium, wherein, when the information storage medium is inserted into the drive system, the drive system reads out the standard version information number and the revision information number and records and/or reproduces the data according to a standard corresponding to the standard version information number and the revision informationnumber.

21-22. (CANCELED)